

**Monroe County LEICC Meeting Notes**  
**January 26, 2012**

**Attendees:** Tracey Taylor, Marjorie Dobra, Nancy Consol, Robin Adair, Vicki Follaco, Deb Tetlow, Judy Warner, Liz Baltus-Hebert, Lisa Pedersen, Ann Marie Stephan, Barbara Gorski, Pat Graff, Kathy McCarthy-Proulx, Jill DelVecchio, Desere Lester, Suzanne D'Agostino, Susie Nettleton,

**Scribe: Judy Warner, Monroe County Health Department – Meeting started at 10:20 am**

Welcome to new attendees & introductions

Motion to approve last minutes: minutes approved

**Ann Marie - Updates:**

Preliminary Governor's Proposals

- **Expand Insurance Coverage** – Require commercial health insurance to include EI service providers in their networks
- **Centralize Fiscal Oversight** – The State will centralize fiscal administration of the EI program through a fiscal intermediary contract. Counties will be relieved of responsibility for contracting with EI providers, administering provider payments and seeking third party reimbursement
- **Reduce Local Costs** – Counties will immediately benefit from a reduction in their share of EI program costs. State savings will also be applied to improving the timeliness of State reimbursement of local program costs.

A very lengthy discussion on the 3 proposals above, especially the first proposal.

Per Ann Marie the first proposal would:

- 1) require providers to have contracts with insurance provider to bill directly (discussion regarding what would happen to EI & what others have experienced before with billing)
- 2) waiting for written guidelines from NYS DOH to changes from last bill passed
- 3) lots of unknowns right now
- 4) governor not meeting with lobbyists – parents are our biggest lobbyists

11-15 waiver – Susie Nettleton explained what that was and to read more about it go to the opwdd website.

**Question: What is the timeframe on proposals?**

**Ann Marie** – They are usually assigned a timeframe – still waiting for 2 from last year that are on “hold”  
Ann Marie is having an All County conference call tomorrow (1/27) – may get more information and there is a NYSAC meeting on Monday & Tuesday (1/30 & 1/31)

What is the best way to respond back to governor regarding proposals? – How do we get voice heard? How to get parents heard?

**Tracey** – Letters to governor may need to be restructured and do it quickly – letters need to come from parents. A petition from Stepping Stones that parents/families have signed was used as a template. Joe Morelli is very in with Early Intervention.

**Ann Marie** – “Marry” rates with first two (2) proposals. Focus needs to be on how to respond to the proposals.

**Ann Marie** – Proposal regarding Providers contract with State

- Nothing sent to HEG
- County may not have a roll in insurance billing
- EI & PSE are 2 of 9 unfunded mandates.

**Ann Marie** – Proposal regarding Reduce Local Costs – not sure what any of that means

Pre-School proposals on other page

- Rationalizing the Current Finance System
- Reform Early Intervention Program

**Ann Marie** - for the first one - district assuming some of the costs of PSE, impact on providers.

**Tracey** – Suggested tabling the discussion for now – look out for e-mail for emergency LEICC meeting in being pro-active in getting letters out

**Ann Marie**

- Sent out the fiscal year report – highlighted accomplishments
- EI Admin Grant just received about 2 weeks ago even though grant started Oct 1, 2011 – it is 29,000 less
- Lisa Chester from Niagara County took Mikes position on the EICC

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Parent Involvement Committee**

- Updated parent folder and recommended changes – making it more family friendly. Added Welcome letter
- Susie Nettleton brought and handed out a packet of information with things that may be able to go into the packet. All items are available to download from the website ([www.parenttoparentnys.org](http://www.parenttoparentnys.org)) and are also available in Spanish
- Purpose of re-vamping the folder was to reduce family being overwhelmed
- Committee thinking about possible changing the name from Parent Involvement Committee to possibly “Family Involvement” to get other family members involved.

#### **Tracey – HOMEWORK**

- Go in and look at Facebook at the Information Only Wall – We (LEICC) would have to go through the County for approval for something like this. – Question - Would there be a need for anything other than an Information Wall?? Search for Early Intervention enter “SAY NO TO GOVERNORS PROPOSAL” This wall could include things like the LEICC minutes, next meeting dates, by-laws, what is LEICC?, etc.

### **Data Committee:**

- Exit survey for providers – will send out to members – please look at it and send feedback

Tracey – Next Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, @ 7pm on channel 10 program – ROC City – UNYFEAT will do presentation on Autism & have a live call in session

**Ann Marie**

- ARRA funds – good results to ARRA audit –over budget by \$401 in personal services- otherwise, excellent

**Next meeting: April 25, 2012   Location: Brighton Library, 2300 Monroe Avenue**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm**